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Re: Dakota Access Pipeline, Case No. PU-14-842

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

In April, 2015, I notified the Commission by letter of certain facts related to a potential conflict of interest in Case No. PU-14-842 (Dakota Access Pipeline Project). Also in that letter, I notified the Commission of my conclusion, at that time and based on those facts, that existing circumstances did not constitute a conflict of interest. I noted in that letter that because I saw no conflict or potential conflict, I would not recuse myself at that time from further participation in the case.

The current letter is to notify the Commission and all involved that certain facts have now changed causing me to reconsider the conflict of interest issue in this case. Based on these changed facts, I am now recusing myself from further participation in the case.

Dakota Access LLC has entered into negotiations with my mother-in-law to acquire an easement to allow them to alter their route and place the pipeline on her property for approximately 2755 feet. My mother-in-law has also recently conveyed the property in question to my wife and sister-in-law and reserved a life estate for herself.

Sincerely,

Randy Christmann
Commissioner